

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

November 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Roy Coulombe, Erin Vaughan, Robert Sylvestre, Gary Stott and David Boyle. Town Administrator Joseph Almond was also present for this meeting.

The Commission members reviewed the minutes for the October 8, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Member Roy Coulombe to accept the October 8, 2008 minutes and the motion was seconded by Member Paul Hetu.

There have been no Director's Reports for the past three (3) months.

Commissioner's Reports:

Saylesville – Paul Hetu – The park is getting use. Everything looks good.

Lonsdale – Roy Coulombe – The park looks beautiful!

Albion – Erin Vaughan – The park is in good shape.

Manville – Robert Sylvestre – A lot of soccer going on. Will the sign that says "No Skating" get taken down?? Kids were always allowed to skate on the ice before the Town took over the park.

Fairlawn – Gary Stott – The skateboard park is still getting a lot of use.

Limerock – David Boyle – The field looks good. Everything looks ok.

Quinnville – Kevin Bryson – Everything looks good.

Old Business:

Chairman Kevin Bryson stated he met with the Parks and Recreation Director Paul Prachniak regarding the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field. Paul Prachniak stated that he has plans for the poles in the future, such as putting flags on them. The poles were stripped so that they are not such a safety hazard anymore. The Commission members still feel that these poles serve no useful purpose. Thus, a motion was made by Member Paul Hetu to remove the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field as they serve no useful purpose and the motion was seconded by Member Roy Coulombe. The motion was carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Commission member Erin Vaughan stated that there are a lot of geese on the field and basketball court at Lonsdale. They are making quite a mess of the fields and basketball courts and it's difficult for children to play outside with all the geese droppings everywhere. The children are also tracking it into the schools and causing a mess inside the school as well. This problem needs to be addressed!

New Business:

Town Administrator Joseph Almond was present at the meeting to update the Commission Members on Lonsdale, Lime Acres and Manville Park:

Lonsdale

Joseph Almond stated that the Town closed on and secured an extra half acre of land at Lonsdale. There is also plenty of money that is being withheld in escrow until the project is complete and the small things have been fixed. The backboards are being fixed this week. A resolution will be introduced to the Town Council in November so that the Little League will have the rights to name the field at Lonsdale. Chairman Kevin Bryson asked Joseph Almond if the booster system was needed to improve the water pressure and Mr. Almond stated that it was not necessary. The water pressure was being reduced within the school and the problem was able to be fixed there. Mr. Almond stated that he would like to start a fundraising effort for utilities (ovens etc.) adopt trees, benches, concessions, etc. Mr. Almond stated that he is aware that there have been some concerns with the size of the concession stand but he feels it will be sufficient – invest in some good cabinetry for storage purposes. The front of the school will get paved and this should help with the traffic flow.

Lime Acres-

Joseph Almond stated that the preliminary reports from the D.E.M. came back and everything is going well. An appraisal will have to be done for the federal government in order to switch fields. He is hoping to have more answers by the spring. The design that was submitted to the D.E.M. has about 35 parking spaces. Mr. Almond

stated that in the future he would like to add walking trails to the surrounding area. These trails were not included in the original plans as to not tie up the process further but these plans will be submitted to the D.E.M. at a later date.

Manville Park-

An architect was hired for Manville Park. Joseph Almond would like to get members together from the Manville Farm League and the Parks and Recreation Commission to help with putting the designs together. Some ideas for the new Manville Park are to make a multi purpose field, new bathrooms, two concessions, new fencing and place the playground in the center of the park.

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Roy Coulombe and motion was seconded by Member Paul Hetu.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.